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1. On 24 July 1953 a Soviet official from Moscow allegedly brought orders to the SMV General Directorate which resulted in the following:
 - a. 120 employees of Drilling Section II (Bohrbetrieb II) were to be dismissed effective 27 July, due to a lack of work.
 - b. All building projects are to be terminated.
 - c. The Soviet Military Bank stopped payments to the SMV, except salary payments.
 - d. The SMV Purchasing Office is to cancel orders with both USIA and Austrian firms and was directed to list all 1953 orders and deliveries for relay to the General Directorate on 29 July.
2. The reaction of SMV employees is a general fear of dismissal. Some Soviet officials reportedly fear transfer or punishment. It is generally believed that the Moscow orders are the result of inefficiencies revealed during recent months.

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